

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Allouez Fire Department, 135 Dauphin Street, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Kevin Tielens, Tom Vandenack, Jeff Roemer, Brad Muller, Ed Janke, Robert Kiser, John Zakowski, John Gossage, Ed Piontek

Excused: Rick Davidson, Dennis Kocken, Larry Mours, Derek Beiderwieden, Mark Wallace

Absent: Jim Arts, Eric Dunning, Nick Craig, Larry Wilson, Jim Nickel, Kevin Heimerl

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

A quorum was not present.

Item #2. Approve Minutes of Meeting of March 19, 2009.

A quorum was not present.

Item #3. Report of Monthly Activities of the Fire Investigation Unit.

Muller reported that the fire investigation unit was called out to the following fires since the last meeting:

03-20-09 433 Crooks St., Green Bay (multi-family residence/arson)  
03-24-09 253 W. Pulaski St., Pulaski (single-family residence/arson/arrest)  
03-28-09 3038 S. Michiels Rd., Denmark (single-family residence/under investigation)  
05-07-09 1164 O'Hare Blvd., Hobart (business/accidental)

Item #4. Report of General Membership President.

Muller reported that the next meeting is May 28, 2009, at the De Pere Fire Department.

Item #5. Old Business.

A. Dispositions of Case Proceedings.

Zakowski passed out information on arson referrals in Brown County since 2006. He also mentioned that Jimmy Knight was again convicted in his appeal.

B. Discussion regarding Fire Investigation Unit responding outside the county where a Brown County fire department has jurisdiction.

Muller stated that he talked to Chief Deputy Gossage and Sheriff Kocken and they are okay with the fire investigation unit going out to investigate cause and origin for the local fire departments whose jurisdictions go outside of the county, being Denmark, Wrightstown, Hollandtown, and Tri-County fire departments. However, if it is determined to be a crime scene, the investigation will need to be turned over to that jurisdiction's sheriff's department. It was suggested that this provision be put in the county/MABAS agreement to prevent any liability issues. Those jurisdictions' fire chiefs can request our help, if needed. Motion was made by Muller and seconded by Janke to notify the chiefs of these jurisdictions of our offer of service. **Motion carried.**

C. Status of County agreement with MABAS.

Zakowski advised that he will run this past corporation counsel John Luetscher with any questions the Board may have.

Item #6. New Business.

Kiser received General Membership intern applications from Kyle Lauf of the Bellevue Fire Department and Christopher Brodbeck of the Suamico Fire Department. Motion was made by Zakowski and seconded by Gossage to approve Lauf as an intern. **Motion carried.** Motion was made by Janke and seconded by Zakowski to table the approval of Brodbeck until the next meeting to first check on how many years of service he has as five years' experience is needed to be an intern. **Motion carried.**

Kiser also received a resignation letter from intern Bernie Madison as he is no longer with the Howard Fire Department. Motion was made by Zakowski and seconded by Roemer to accept Madison's resignation. **Motion carried.**

Item #7. Report of Juvenile Firesetter Program Coordinator.

Nick Craig was not present.

Item #8. Other Matters.

No other matters were discussed.

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Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the Allouez Fire Department, 135 Dauphin Street, Green Bay, WI.

Item #10. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Piontek and seconded by Janke to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary